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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI SATOMI)
Application No.: 09/406,721)
Filed: September 28, 1999)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
OF PROCESSING)
CHARACTERS)

Examiner: M. Dastouri
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

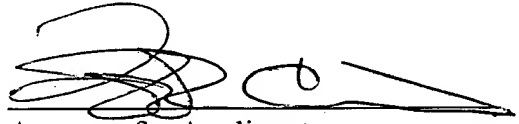
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action in the above-identified application for one additional month from April 10, 2004 to May 10, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$310.00, the difference between the already-paid \$110.00 fee for the first-month extension and the \$420.00 fee for a two-month extension, to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. C. Harper', written over a horizontal line.

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